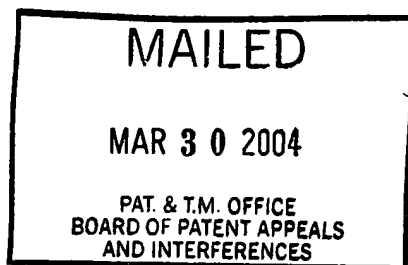




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Applicant: FRIESE
Application No.: 09/918,901
Filed: 07/31/01
For: Process of applying material in particular for
the production of electrodes for exhaust gas sensors
Accorded benefit: Patent 6,074,694, granted 06/13/00
based on application 08/827,679, filed 04/10/97

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,153.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).


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Fujii and Hiromi Sano)
Junior Party,
(Patent 6,096,372),

v.

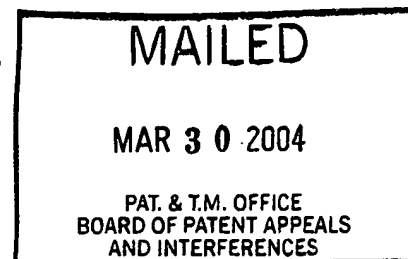
ROBERT BOSCH GMBH,
(Karl-Hermann Friese, Siegfried Nees,
Frank Stanglmeier and Hans Baumann),
Senior Party,
(Reissue Application 09/918,901).

Patent Interference No. 105,153 (RES)

DECLARATION
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties.
Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims
designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of
this DECLARATION.



Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Richard E. Schafer has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this DECLARATION. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on June 1, 2004** (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See STANDING ORDER ¶ 10.

An order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this DECLARATION. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:

Junior Party

Named inventors: SATORU NOMURA, Nisshin-City, Japan
YASUMICHI HOTTA, Mie-gun, Japan
NAMITSUGU FUJII, Yokkaichi-City, Japan
HIROMI SANO, Nagoya-City, Japan

Patent: 6,096,372, granted 1 August 2000, based on
Application 09/010,839, filed 22 January 1998

Title: Method for manufacturing O₂ sensor with solid
electrolyte member using conductive paste element

Assignee: Denso Corporation

Accorded Benefit: None

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Senior Party

Named Inventors: KARL-HERMANN FRIESE, Leonberg, Germany
SIEGFRIED NEES, Neckarwestheim, Germany
FRANK STANGLMEIER, Moeglingen, Germany
HANS BAUMANN, Sternenfels, Germany

Reissue Application: 09/918,901, filed 31 July 2001

Title: Process of applying material in particular for the
production of electrodes for exhaust gas sensors

Assignee: Robert Bosch GMBH

Accorded Benefit: Patent 6,074,694, granted 13 June 2000, based
on Application 08/827,679, filed 10 April 1997

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 1 of Patent 6,096,372.¹

The claims² of the parties are:

Denso: 1-24

Bosch: 17 and 19

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Denso: 1-6 and 9-12

Bosch: 17 and 19

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

Denso: 7, 8 and 13-24

Bosch: None

¹ Since the count is Claim 1 of Patent 6,096,372, any construction of the count shall be done in light of the specification of the '372 patent.

² The parties respective claims shall be construed in light of the specification of which they form a part.

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See STANDING

ORDER ¶ 3.5.

Paper ____³

Filed on behalf of [name of party]

By: Name of lead counsel

Name of backup counsel

Street address

City, State, and Zip-Code

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TITLE OF PAPER

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Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

- ¶ 4: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
- ¶ 5: date for identifying any real party in interest.
- ¶ 6: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
- ¶ 7: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
- ¶ 8: date for filing clean copy of claims.
- ¶ 9: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
- ¶ 10: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
- ¶ 13.10.2: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
- ¶ 14.1.1: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
- ¶ 14.2: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
- ¶ 14.3: dates when cross-examination can take place.
- ¶ 15.2: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions.

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

**FILE COPY REQUEST
Interference 105,153 (RES)**

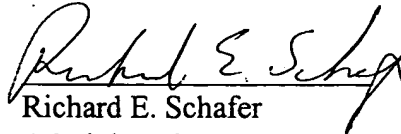
A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

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Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge


Richard E. Schafer
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 3/30/04

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Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the testimony and briefing phases of the interference

Copy U.S. Patent 6,096,372

Copy of claims of 09/918,901

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